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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant: BackhausExaminer:Ser. No.: 10/xxx,xxxArt Group:Title: AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE FOR BICYCLESFiled: 14 January 2002Date: 14 January 2002**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed as a part of the national stage entry of PCT application EP00/06015, which was filed on 28 June 2000, which is in turn based on German application 199 33 102.2, filed on 15 July 1999, and German application 199 45 284.9, filed on 22 September 1999. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 27 total and 3 independent claims. This applicant is a SMALL ENTITY. Consistent with the modifications to 37 CFR §1.125, the applicant has provided a substitute specification instead of a clean copy of the paragraphs and claims as they stand after amendment.

**Amendments to the Disclosure**

The specification as filed has been altered from the literal translation document received to delete information above the title, to insert headings according to US practice, and to insert paragraph numbering in lieu of line numbering. These changes do not introduce new matter.

**Amendments to the Claims**

After the heading "CLAIMS" and before the beginning of the claims, please insert the words: -- What is claimed is: --

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) An anti-theft device for a bicycle comprising [bicycles, which comprise] a bicycle frame [(2)] and a steering column for steering the bicycle, [(14)] mounted on the bicycle frame [(2) for steering the bicycle], which steering column [is provided for a]